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Bank.

HONGKONG & SHANGHAI BANKING CORPORATION.

PAID-UP CAPITAL, \$3,000,000.

INSTALLMENT received on New Shares, \$2,074,744.75

New Shares, \$7,074,744.75

RESERVE FUND, \$2,500,000.

INSTALLMENT of PREMIUM received on New Shares, \$1,563,361.66

\$4,003,361.66

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T. JACKSON, Chief Manager.

Offices of the Corporation, No. 1, Queen's Road East, Hongkong, April 2, 1884. 533

Notices of Firms.

NOTICE.

THE INTEREST and RESPONSIBILITY of Mr. WILLIAM HENRY HARTON, in our Firm CEASED on the 30th JUNE, 1884.

Mr. GERALD SLADE and Mr. ALEXANDER MCCONACHIE are this Day Admitted PARTNERS in our Firm.

GILMAN & Co.

Hongkong and Foochow, 1st May, 1884. 738

Intimations.

PENINSULAR & ORIENTAL STEAM NAVIGATION COMPANY.

NOTICE TO PASSENGERS.

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A. McIVER, Superintendent.

Hongkong, March 13, 1884. 455

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Hongkong, February 28, 1884. 363

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Hongkong, January 31, 1884. 188

Intimations.

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17th Horse... £0.60	18th Horse... £0.50	19th Horse... £0.40	20th Horse... £0.30
21st Horse... £0.20	22nd Horse... £0.15	23rd Horse... £0.10	24th Horse... £0.05
25th Horse... £0.05	26th Horse... £0.05	27th Horse... £0.05	28th Horse... £0.05
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Hongkong, April 19, 1884. 679

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NOTICE.

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1.—The business of the above Bank will be conducted by the Hongkong and Shanghai Banking Corporation, on their premises in Hongkong. Business hours on week-days 10 to 3: Saturdays, 10 to 1.

2.—The Agents of the Hongkong and Shanghai Banking Corporation will form a direct security for the repayment of sums deposited in the above Bank.

3.—Sums less than \$1, or more than \$250 at one time will not be received. No depositor may deposit more than \$1,500 in any one year.

4.—Deposits may be on behalf of relations, of trusts, &c., in addition to the depositor's own account.

5.—Persons desirous of saving sums less than a dollar may do so by affixing a ten-cent stamp to a form to be obtained at the Bank or at the Post Office. When the form is presented with ten cent stamps the depositor will be credited one dollar.

6.—Depositors of the above Bank having \$100 or more at their credit may at their option transfer the same to the Hongkong and Shanghai Banking Corporation on fixed deposit for 12 months at 5 per cent. per annum interest.

7.—Deposits may be forwarded from the Ports by means of clean Hongkong Postage Stamps of any values.

8.—Interest at the rate of 34 per cent. per annum will be allowed to 100 depositors on their daily balances.

9.—Each Depositor will be supplied gratis with a Pass-Book which must be presented with each payment or withdrawal. Depositors must not make any entries themselves in their Pass-Books but should send them to be written up at least twice a year, about the beginning of January and beginning of July.

10.—Covers containing Pass-Books, Registered Letters containing Stamps or other Remittances, and generally, correspondence as to the business of the Bank will, if marked "PARCELS", be forwarded free of Postage or Registration Fees by the various Post Offices in Hongkong and China.

11.—Withdrawals may be made on demand, but the personal attendance of the depositor or his duly appointed agent, and the production of his Pass-Book are necessary.

12.—All documents connected with the business of the Savings' Bank are excepted from stamp duty.

For the HONGKONG & SHANGHAI BANKING CORPORATION,

T. JACKSON, Chief Manager.

Hongkong, April 24, 1884. 712

Intimations.

HONGKONG & SHANGHAI BANKING CORPORATION.

NOTICE

NOTICE is hereby given that in accordance with Resolution No. 2 passed at the Extraordinary General Meeting of Shareholders held at the City Hall on the 30th December, 1882, ALL SHARES not TAKEN up and the 1st, 2nd, 3rd and 4th CALLS paid on or before the 30th June next, will be disposed of by the Directors in such manner as in their discretion, they shall think best in the interests of the Corporation.

By Order of the Court of Directors,

T. JACKSON, Chief Manager.

Hongkong, April 24, 1884. 712

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HONGKONG, 1877-1883.

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Hongkong, December 1, 1883. 1043

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THE U. S. Mail Steamship CITY OF
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RETURN PASSENGERS.—Passengers, who
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within six months, will be allowed a discount
of 20% from Return Fare, if re-embarking
from this port, LONDON, via BOMBAY
and SUEZ CANAL, on THURSDAY, the
22nd May, at 4 p.m.

Charge will be received on board until
10 a.m. on the day of sailing.

Silk and Valuables for Europe will be
transhipped at Colombo; Tea and General
Cargo for London will be conveyed
via Bombay without transhipment, arriving
one week later than by the ordinary direct
route via Colombo.

For further Particulars, regarding
FREIGHT and PASSAGE, apply to the
PENINSULAR and ORIENTAL STEAM
NAVIGATION COMPANY'S Office, Hongkong.

The Company's and P. & O. of Packages are
required to be despatched prior to shipment.

Steamers are particularly requested to
note the terms and conditions of the Com-
pany's Bills of Lading.

For further information as to Freight
and Passage, apply to the Agency of the
Company, No. 504, Queen's Road Central.

F. E. FOSTER,
Agent.
Hongkong, May 6, 1884. 775



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on FRIDAY, the 23rd Instant, at 4 p.m.
Cargo received on board and Parcels at
the Office up to 1 p.m. of day of sailing.
No Bill of Lading signed under \$2

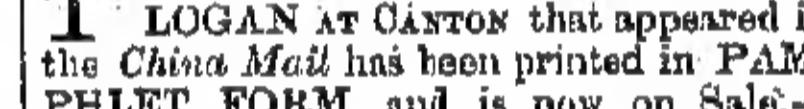
Freight.

All Claims must be settled on board
before delivery is taken, otherwise, they
will not be recognized.

Cargo and Passengers for Yokohama
will be transhipped to the Shanghai Mail
Steamer at Kobe, and for Vladivostock at
Nagasaki and/or Kobe.

For further Particulars, apply at the
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H. J. H. TRIPP,
Agent.
Hongkong, May 15, 1884. 817



THE REPORT OF THE TRIAL OF
LOGAN AT CLAYTON that appeared in the
China Mail has been printed in PAM-
PHLET FORM, and is now on Sale.—
Price, 30 Cents.

Hongkong, October 3, 1883. 820

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U. S. MAIL LINE.
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ALSO,

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AUSTRALIA.

N.B.—Cargo can be taken on through Bills
of Lading for BATAVIA, PERSIAN
GULF PORTS, MARSEILLE,
TRIESTE, HAMBURG, NEW YORK
AND BOSTON.

THE S. S. SAN PABLO will be de-
patched for San Francisco, via Yoko-
hama, on FRIDAY, the 30th Instant, at
3 p.m. To be followed by the S. S.
ARABIC, on the 9th June.

Connection being made at Yokohama, and
with Steamers from Shanghai and Japan
ports.

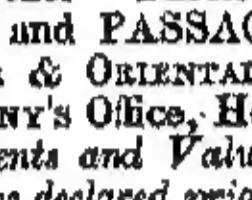
All Parcel Packages should be received
at the Company's Office, until 5 p.m. the
day previous to sailing.

RETURN PASSENGERS.—Passengers, who
have paid full fare, re-embarking at San
Francisco for China or Japan (or vice versa)
within six months, will be allowed a discount
of 20% from Return Fare, if re-embarking
within one year, an allowance of 10% will
be made from Return Fare. Pro-Paid Return
Passage Orders, available for one year, will
be issued at a Discount of 25% from
Return Fare. These allowances do not apply
to through fares from China and Japan to
Europe.

For further Particulars, regarding
FREIGHT and PASSAGE, apply to the
PENINSULAR and ORIENTAL STEAM
NAVIGATION COMPANY'S Office, Hongkong.

For further information as to Freight
and Passage, apply to the Agency of the
Company, No. 504, Queen's Road Central.

F. E. FOSTER,
Agent.
Hongkong, May 6, 1884. 800



NOTICE.

COMPAGNIE DES MESSAGERIES
MARITIMES.

PAQUEBOTS POSTE FRANCAISE.

STEAM FOR

SAIGON, SINGAPORE, BATAVIA,
COLOMBO, ADEN, SUEZ, ISMAILIA;

PORT SAID, SYRIAN PORTS,
NAPLES, MARSEILLE, AND PORTS
OF BRAZIL, AND LA PLATA;

ALSO

BOMBAY.

ON THURSDAY, the 20th May, 1884,
at Noon, the Company's S. S.
DEVMANAH, Commandant de BESSEAU-
BABA, with MAILED, PASSENGERS,
SPECIE, and CARGO, will leave this Port
for the above places.

Cargo and Specie will be registered for
London, and will be for Marseilles, and
accorded a transit through Marseilles for the
above places of Europe.

Shipping Orders will be granted until
Noon of 28th May, 1884.

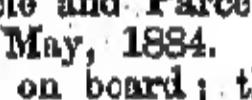
Cargo will be received on board until 4
p.m., Specie and Parcels until 3 p.m. on
the 28th May, 1884. (Parcels are not to
be sent on board; they must be left at
the Agency's Office.)

Contents and value of Packages are re-
quired.

For further particulars, apply at the
Company's Office.

I. MARTIN,
Active Agent.

Hongkong, May 17, 1884. 820



NOTICE.

PAQUEBOTS POSTE FRANCAISE.

STEAM FOR

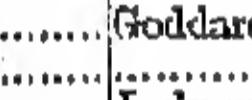
AMOY and TAMSUI.

The Co.'s Steamship
HALONG,

Capt. GODDARD, will be
despatched for the above
Ports on THURSDAY, the 22nd Instant, at
4 p.m.

For Freight or Passage, apply to
DOUGLAS LAPRAK & Co.,
General Managers.

Hongkong, May 20, 1884. 830



NOTICE.

PAQUEBOTS POSTE FRANCAISE.

STEAM FOR

AMOY, AMOY and TAMSUI.

The Co.'s Steamship
HALONG,

Capt. GODDARD, will be
despatched for the above
Ports on SATURDAY, the 24th Instant, at
4 p.m.

For Freight or Passage, apply to
DOUGLAS LAPRAK & Co.,
General Managers.

Hongkong, May 20, 1884. 830



A LITTLE before 11 o'clock last night a fire broke out at No. 62, Queen's Road West. The alarm bells were at once rung, first from the Central Station and a few minutes afterwards from the Clock Tower. The Government, Insurance and manual engines were soon upon the spot, Nos. 2 and 4 and the Insurance engine taking up a position on the Praya, the manuals being stationed close to the burning building in the Queen's Road. The No. 1, or floating engine, was also brought up alongside the Praya wall. Plenty of water was readily obtained from hydrants in the Hollywood Road and Queen's Road, and after the engines had got to work, the fire, which for a short time had been burning fiercely, was well under control and was pretty well subdued before midnight. The ground floor of No. 62, where the fire is believed to have originated by the upsetting of a lamp was a shop for the sale of oil, candles &c. and contained a considerable stock of these inflammable materials. The second floor was used as a traders' club room and above this was a room used as a coolie house. On the roof of the house a wooden erection had been put up, standing eight feet above the proper roof at the back part of the building and when the fire penetrated through the two floors below and reached this superstructure there was naturally a big burst of flame. The hoses were very well directed, however, and the fire was confined to the one house with the exception of a little damage to the roof of No. 64, where a quantity of timber was stored. Nos. 60 and 66 were slightly damaged by water, but not to any serious extent. The house in which the fire originated, No. 62, was entirely gutted and the damage done is reckoned at about £3,000. The property was, we believe, partially insured in a local office. It was fortunate that the fire was prevented from communicating with the adjoining house but one, No. 66, which was a carpenter's establishment and full of timber and shavings.

A good many attempts at looting were, we hear, made by members of the light-fingered fraternity during the excitement in the neighbourhood by the fire.

The Government of the Straits Settlements issued a writ against the Oriental Bank in Singapore, apparently to secure the safety of the Government money in the Bank, although it is not very clear from the report in the local paper what the nature of the action was. The Attorney General, in opening the proceedings in the Court on the 5th May, said he applied under the Crown Suits Ordinance 1878, on an information filed in the Court that morning. A writ had first been issued against the Oriental Bank under section 2 of the Crown Suits Ordinance, and he applied, under section 14 on an interlocutory application. There was considerable discussion about the method of procedure, and the report winds up as follows:—

Court.—You ask for a writ in what form? Attorney General.—Under the form N. 1 in the schedule. The effect of the sub-section is that the Sheriff takes the funds into his hands, there to remain until the claim is satisfied. It must remain there until legal process under the information.

Court.—I think section 16 states the matter: 'All property seized under a writ of Extent on meane process shall be kept by the Sheriff and shall await the determination of the suit subject to the provisions of this Ordinance.'

Here the proceedings were interrupted by an animated conversation between the Attorney General and Mr. Davidson and Mr. Buckley, the Solicitors for the Oriental and other Banks. No notice had been received of any intention to make this application, and it was fortunate that one of the Solicitors was in the Court, on other business, and as soon as he heard it mentioned sent word of what was going on.

Attorney General.—It will not be necessary to trouble your Lordship my further in this matter. Mr. Davidson will give his personal undertaking that the amount shall not be moved from the Bank, and can be placed on one side there in the presence of the Colonial Treasurer.

Court.—If you are satisfied, I have, of course, nothing further to hear.

The *Wingsang*, with the hull *Empress of India* in tow, left Shanghai yesterday afternoon (May 1st) for Coora. She will drop the bulk somewhere on the Korean coast, and then the *Nanking* will take it to Jen-chuan.

W. C. D. Neese, by wire that the *Glenvale* and *Osprey* are loading new season's tea at Hankow, the former at £3 and the latter at £3 10 per ton. Other steamers were loading at £3 and the *Port Philip* at £2.

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